



Wildlife Disease News Digest

WDIN provides information on wildlife health and wildlife-human-domestic animal disease interactions.

Background

The National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) <www.nbii.gov> is an electronic information network that provides access to biological data and information on our nation's plants, animals, and ecosystems. Data and information maintained by federal, state, and local government agencies; non-government organizations; and private-sector organizations are linked through the NBII gateway and made accessible to a variety of audiences including researchers, natural resource managers, decision-makers, educators, students, and other private citizens.

Implementation of the NBII is being accomplished through the development of nodes that serve as entry points to the NBII and the information held by partners. These nodes function as fully digital, distributed, and interactive systems that focus on developing, acquiring, and managing content

on a defined subject area or a geographic region. The NBII Wildlife Disease Information Node (WDIN) addresses the need for information on a variety of wildlife diseases and their implications, including those affecting wildlife, domestic animals, and humans. WDIN operations are managed through the cooperation of its major partners: the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, and the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Wildlife Disease News at Your Fingertips

WDIN – a gateway to wildlife disease information and data – offers a number of publicly available services to help people connect and integrate wildlife disease information. The Wildlife Disease News Digest <<http://wdin.blogspot.com>> is one of the most popular services, as reflected by its universal appeal. Almost everyone is curious to learn what diseases may lurk near their own proverbial “backyard.” It is estimated that as high as 75 percent of emerging infectious disease in humans have a wildlife connection.

Published almost daily, the Digest contains a compilation of information from authoritative national and international media sources for wildlife disease news and brings the stories together into a concise, easy-to-read summary. Readers can

quickly browse the Digest for the day's headlines or select stories to read in depth. The range of news topics covered include:

- Detection or spread of disease,
- Latest research discoveries,
- Significant wildlife-human-domestic animal health interactions,
- Ecological issues impacting wildlife health (e.g., climate change, population decline, pollution), and
- Interesting trivia about wildlife or ecology.

Get News Delivered to Your Electronic Doorstep

The Digest provides a number of news delivery services depending on how users want to receive the information. The eAlert service offers users a way to obtain updates every time news is posted to the Digest. In a few easy steps, readers can subscribe to receive copies of news postings via e-mail. For users that like e-mail delivery but want to minimize incoming messages, they can select the option to receive the Digest's top 10 links from the previous week to see what the Digest reader community found most interesting. There are also non-email alternatives including a widget or gadget which can be inserted into any compatible personalized application, like the iGoogle home page. RSS feeds are another option, where the Digest news feed can be pulled into a

Location of Subscription Instructions to News Delivery Services

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| Daily Updates | eAlert services | http://wildlifiedisease.nbii.gov/wdindigest.html |
| Weekly Updates | WildlifeHealth Listserv | http://wildlifiedisease.nbii.gov/wdinhealthlist.html |
| Anytime | Widget/Gadget | http://wildlifiedisease.nbii.gov/documents/Newsletter/03Volume_02Issue.pdf |
| Anytime | RSS Feeds | RSS Feeds - http://wildlifiedisease.nbii.gov/wdinrssfeeds.html |

personal feed reader, like Bloglines or Google Reader.

Map It!— Offering More than Just News

Global Wildlife Disease News Map – Putting News on the Map

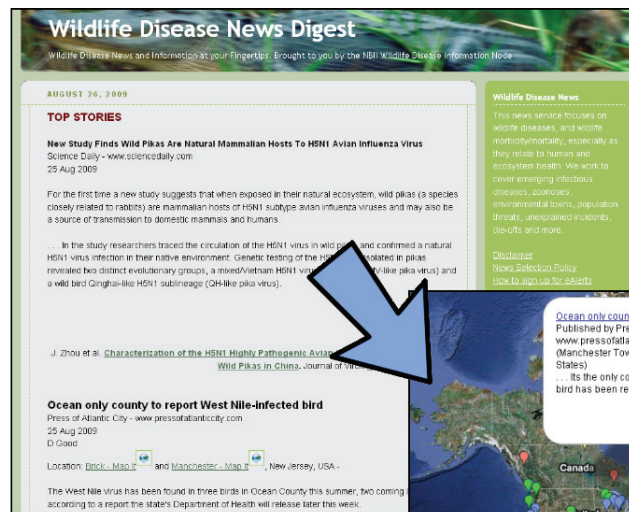
In addition to aggregating wildlife disease news from around the globe, the Digest offers a number of features to enhance the reader's news experience. News stories that cover the detection or spread of disease are geocoded and placed on the Global Wildlife Disease News Map. Direct links from the Digest join the stories to the Map, allowing interested readers to view the news in relation to other geolocations. From the Map, visitors can choose to expand their view to clusters of stories by different categories (e.g., by species, disease name, or date).

Updates From the Wildlife Disease Information Node Web Site

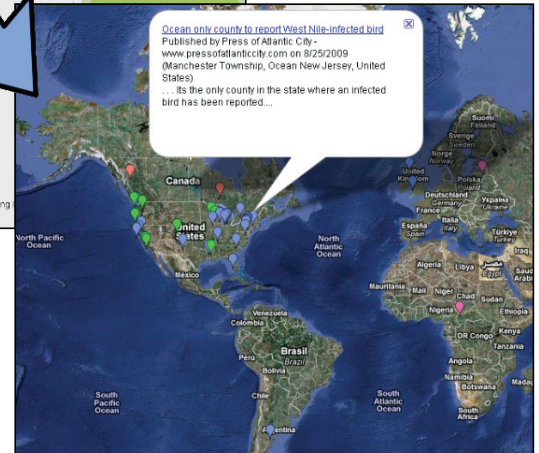
The Digest also brings in relevant content from the WDIN home site through conventional hyperlinks as well as RSS feeds. Anytime new resources (e.g. maps, images, and reports) are added to the WDIN Web site, or its meeting and events calendar, select RSS feeds push a summary of this newly added content onto the Digest. As a result of this linkage, the Digest becomes a rich source of wildlife health information and news.



The Digest is available in several formats to suit users desired delivery method. In addition to the Digest available over the Web, users can elect to sign up for EAlerts over e-mail, subscribe to an RSS feed, or add the Google Gadget or Netvibes Widget to their social network pages.



Select stories are included on the Digest's companion application, the Global Wildlife Disease News Map.



In addition to getting the latest wildlife disease news, readers can also quickly scan newly discovered Web resources (e.g., photos, maps, and Web sites) added to the expanding WDIN electronic library that are of interest to the wildlife health community.

Special Friday Edition: In the Spotlight

Instead of providing a news summary, each weekly Friday post showcases an assortment of interesting and useful links to wildlife disease information, such as Web resources that may have been overlooked, a summary report of a past wildlife disease event or a reminder list of upcoming wildlife disease related conferences.

Wildlife specialists as well as anyone who has a professional or personal interest in wildlife disease issues will find the Digest makes it easy to stay current on wildlife disease developments.

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Access most of WDIN useful tools the Get News Web page <<http://wildlifedisease.nbii.gov/getnews.html>>.

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